



IPU Regional Seminar on HIV and AIDS

LEGAL ASPECTS OF HIV RELATING TO VULNERABLE GROUPS

Athens, 25 and 26 September 2009

DRAFT PROGRAM

Friday, 25 September

8:00-9:00

Registration of participants

9:00-10.00

Inaugural session

Elsa Papademetriou, Vice President of the IPU and the Hellenic Parliament

Dimitris Sioufas, President of the Hellenic Parliament

Dimitris Avramopoulos, Minister of Health and Social Solidarity

Navanethem Pillay, UN Commissioner on Human Rights *tbc*

Gertrude Mongella, Member of the Pan African Parliament

Hendrietta Bogopane Zulu, Chair of the IPU Advisory Group on HIV/AIDS

John Pierroutsakos, President of the Hellenic Center for Infectious Disease Control

10:00-11:00

HIV and AIDS in the European context

The session will examine the trends and challenges in dealing with the HIV epidemic in Europe. The participants will be given an overview of HIV-related policies and practices in the European countries.

Martin Donoghoe, Team Leader for HIV/TB *or* **David Mercer**, acting Unit Head for Communicable Diseases, WHO Regional Office for Europe

Johann Fontaine, Project Officer, European Center for Disease Control

Debate

11:00-11:15

Coffee break

11:15-13:30

Challenges facing the legislator

The session will look at areas such as anti-discrimination protection, basic rights, HIV transmission, and criminal law. It will also examine the current legislation in European countries as far as HIV testing, notification and disclosure are concerned, and challenges facing physicians who deal with HIV patients.

Navanethem Pillay, UN Commissioner on Human Rights *tbc*

Susan Timberlake, Senior Human Rights and Law Adviser, UNAIDS

Marleen Temmerman, Senator, Belgium, Member of the IPU Advisory Group on HIV/AIDS

Edwin Cameron, Justice of the Constitutional Court of South Africa *tbc*

Debate

13:30-15:00

Lunch break

15:00-17:00

Continuation of the session

Michael Kirby, former Justice of the High Court of Australia *tbc*

Member of Parliament

Debate

20:00

Official dinner

Saturday, 26 September

09:00-11:00

Groups most vulnerable to HIV and appropriate responses

A variety of social and economic factors increase people's vulnerability to HIV infection, including stigma and discrimination, poverty and lack of HIV awareness and access to services. The session will discuss ways in which national and regional responses to HIV and AIDS address the underlying social and structural issues that increase vulnerability, and the question of scaling-up HIV-related programs and services for the most affected groups.

(Name to be confirmed), European AIDS Treatment Group

Yusuf Azad, Civil Society Forum

Haris Politis, Senior Legal Advisor, Hellenic Center for Infectious Disease Control
Debate

11:00-11:15

Coffee break

11:15-12:30

Continuation of the session

Gertrude Mongella, Member of the Pan African Parliament

Member of Parliament

Kay Hull, MP Australia, Member of the IPU Advisory Group on HIV/AIDS

Debate

12:30-13:00

Report on the findings from the field visit to Greece by the IPU Advisory Group on HIV/AIDS

Hendrietta Bogopane Zulu, Chair of the IPU Advisory Group on HIV/AIDS

Debate

13:00-14:30

Lunch break

14:30-16:30

The question of HIV and AIDS as it relates to migrant flows in Europe

The session will discuss policies of prevention, testing and treatment in European countries looking at legal as well as illegal migrant populations. Is there a need for specific services for immigrant communities with policies and activities tailored to their needs?

Member of Parliament

Mary Haour Knipe, former Senior Advisor, HIV/AIDS and Migration, IOM

Felix Gutzwiller, MP Switzerland, Member of the IPU Advisory Group on HIV

Antonio Vitorino, MP Portugal

Debate

16:30-16:45

Closing ceremony/Adoption of a resolution/closing statement

Afternoon

Cultural visit